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Title: Guide to Britannian Minerals, Precious&Semi-Precious Stones

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herein one can find the descriptions of a plethora of rocks and gems.

...One can find lead in a variety of veins. While a common ore, lead is used with such frequency in items such as horse shoes that is is a valuable metal to procure.

... Gold is quite rare.
Though generally without function, gold has maintained its worth by its very rarity. The refined form is so full of shine that many give it to their lovers as tokens of affection. It is a well known rumor that one who loves enough to give gold, loves enough to remain true.

...Black Rock is an odd substance, only recently discovered. There seems to be little interest in it, and even less use for it, a small handful of experimenters have noticed it has a profound effect on magic (though these same researches refuse to comment on what, exactly, the material does)...